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Maximum draft 7 feet.
The vessels to be of sufficient stability to
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To be driven by single or twin screw engines at
a speed of 9½ knots on the measured mile. All
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throughout to be accessible for painting and
preservation from corrosion. Ceiling to be
painted with as far as possible, white paint
there is to be of hard wood. The outside plating
is to be of teak of substantial thickness.
If of wood to be built of Java teak or Paraga
crooks for frames, &c. with teak planking and
hard wood ceiling.
The boats to be sheathed to well above the
water line with 18 oz yellow mallow.
Tender must state the price with fittings
to burn liquid fuel, carrying a sufficient
supply to steam about 500 knots—2nd with fittings
for burning wood fuel—3rd with fittings
which can be altered for burning liquid or wood
fuel at short notice.
The boats must be built for and fitted with
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towing a 40 ton longboat.
One short mast forward for light and signalling
and a teak wood dinghy to be supplied with
each vessel.
First Class and Native passenger accommo-
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provided below.
Any further information can be obtained
from the Master Attendant, Singapore. The
Tender to state the date on which the boats
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HONGKONG, January 8th, 1901

In the July-September number of the *Customs Gazette*, published by the Imperial Maritime Customs and now to hand here, there is a very brief account of the siege of the Legations at Peking, which offers a few new details about that exciting period. The account commences with the entry for the 9th June, stating that all the employees, Customs, Postal, and Educational, in accordance with the Inspector General's instructions, left their houses for the Inspectorate General, and that co-operation with the neighbouring Legation guards was arranged for. Four days later the Boxers entered the city, firing chapels and churches, necessitating the redoubling of precautions. On the 19th the Inspector General received a Yamen red letter, informing him that the foreign demand for the surrender of the Taku forts was tantamount to a declaration of war and that therefore twenty-four hours had been given to the foreign representatives in which to quit Peking. To this Sir ROBERT HART sent a reply, saying he thought it expedient for the Customs Staff to accompany the Legations and asking the Yamen to guard the Customs archives. This letter never reached the Yamen, the bearer riding behind Baron von KETTELER and turning back when the latter was shot. On the same day, the 20th June, the Inspectorate was abandoned, and the staff took refuge in the British Legation. "At 4 p.m.," says the account, "firing began and the siege commenced." Then follows a list of the Customs refugees. The progress of the siege is marked by four casualties, including the death of Mr. E. WAGNER on the 1st July. On the 21st of that month came two Yamen red letters, one expressing regret for the burning of the Inspectorate and asking where the Inspector General was, and the other stating that Mr. F. E. TAYLOR, Statistical Secretary, had represented the inconvenience of the Inspector General's absence and proposed to carry on the latter's duties. Sir ROBERT HART was asked what were his wishes with regard to this proposal. To these letters he replied that he and the Staff were in the British Legation, and that his duties could best be carried on by the Shanghai Commissioner and Statistical Secretary conjointly; and a copy of the undelivered note of the 20th

June was enclosed. On the 25th July a Yamen red letter enclosed a telegram from the Shanghai Commissioner sent through SHENAO Ta-jen, reporting Shanghai quiet and asking after the Inspector General, etc. On the 27th arrived another red letter, with some vegetables, from the Yamen, and on the 30th another, enclosing a cipher telegram of enquiries from London via Chinanfu. On the 2nd August the report was received of the beheading of the friendly Yamen ministers, Hsu CHING-CHENG and YUAN CHANG, which may well have sounded ominous to the besieged. But to compensate for this bad news a note, dated 28th July, from Mr. DREW, Commissioner at Tientsin, came by special messenger through the United States Legation; this announced relief at hand—though, as a matter of fact, owing to various delays, the relief expedition did not start until three days after the receipt of the message. On the 7th August a red letter brought Sir ROBERT HART a message from his family in London, which came through SHENAO's hands. On the 10th the report came in of the beheading of two more Yamen ministers Hsu YUNG-t and LIEN YUAN. A red letter from the Yamen was received on the 13th, enclosing telegrams from the Commissioners at Shanghai, Hankow, and Chefoo, bearing the dates of the 9th and 10th of the month. On the 14th August the siege was at an end, but three days afterwards the Yamen sent a red letter requesting the Inspector General's advice and intervention. The account concludes with the service movements after the siege.

This record, brief and bald as it is, has its interest. The attitude of the Tsinling Yamen as revealed in it is indeed remarkable, though well in keeping with the general double-dealing of the Court. It is true that some at least of the Yamen were genuinely friendly to foreigners; four of them paid for this with their lives. But the kind enquiries after the Inspector General and Staff on the 21st July, a month after the Customs buildings had been vacated and the siege begun, have an unconscious humour which in the circumstances was unpardonable. The mockery of the professed solicitude of the Chinese Government, through the body delegated to treat with foreigners, confirms to the full the treachery of that Government. The incidents of the siege, as far as the actual fighting is concerned, are hardly touched upon in the account before us. For that reason the few facts recorded stand out well by themselves, unobscured by other details, and set forth not the least remarkable feature of a remarkable affair.

The inability of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York to visit this Colony, either on their way to or on their return from the inauguration of the new Australian Commonwealth, though it will occasion keen disappointment here, can hardly be said to come as a surprise. Owing to the late date fixed for the departure of the Royal party for Melbourne by the steamship *Ophir*, escorted by two British cruisers, the Duke and Duchess have not sufficient time at their disposal to visit us on their way out. The *Ophir*, it will be remembered, is timed to leave England in March next and will not reach Melbourne before the beginning of May. After their Royal Highnesses' departure from Australia the time required to bring them up to Hongkong would land them at the most dangerous period of the year. If we have to fear a plague epidemic, which we trust we have not, we cannot forget the experience of past years, which shows that plague is always at its worst in the second quarter of the year, from April to June inclusive. That the possibility of an epidemic weighed with those who had the arrangements of the tour cannot be doubted. We may be fortunate enough to see little of the unpleasant epidemic this year; but we must recognize, while we regret, the strength of the motives which prevent us from enjoying a visit from our future sovereigns and of testifying our loyalty to them as we should wish to do.

The English mail of the 8th December was delivered in London on the 5th inst.

The return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum last week shows that 348 non-Chinese and 190 Chinese visited the former institution, 148 non-Chinese and 2,033 Chinese the latter.

In the 48 hours preceding noon yesterday there was one fresh case of plague (Chinese), which ended fatally. Apart from the two plague cases last week there were no cases of communicable disease in the colony.

Pollard's Lilliputian Opera Co. arrived here direct from Calcutta by the steamer *Kumang* last night. We are requested to state that there are very few seats vacant now for the opening performance and that those who intend seeing the *Geebs* should lose no opportunity of marking off their seats at once at the Robinson Piano Company.

The Mother Superior of the Italian Convent begs to acknowledge the receipt of the following sums:—
A Friend, £50
D. Conklin, 10
Mrs. Haslop, 10

The U.S. gunboat *Bennington*, which arrived here on Sunday from Manila, goes into dry dock for a complete overhauling. She has been cruising in Eastern waters for the past eight or ten years, and this is the first time she has had to have a complete going over, which speaks well for her builders. In this length of time the ship has cruised about 100,000 miles.

While the U.S. Army transport *Warren* was leaving Manila Bay on December 30th she ran into the British ship *Mogul*, Capt. Bailey, partially carrying away and damaging several of her plates. The *Warren* sustained little damage, and proceeded on her way. The full extent of damage to the *Mogul* will be ascertained after the vessel has been overhauled. She arrived here on Saturday.

The Squatters' Board met at the Supreme Court yesterday morning for the purpose of deciding claims of squatters in British Kowloon. His Honour Sir John Carrington (Chief Justice) presided, and the other members of the board present were His Honour T. Serembo Smith (Acting Puisne Judge), the Hon. R. D. Ormsby (Director of Public Works), and Mr. Bruce Shepherd, Deputy Land Officer.

We have received a little pamphlet entitled *The Year's Work*, published by the London Missionary Society. This is a popular account of the work of the Society for 1899, with extracts from the missionaries' reports and numerous illustrations. Some idea is given of what the Society is doing in China, India, Madagascar, South and Central Africa, the South Seas and New Guinea.

On Monday evening the first of the daily meetings was held at the City Hall in connection with the Week of Prayer. The Bishop of Victoria conducted the meeting, which was a most interesting one. The subject was the "Church Universal." More than 100 people were present. Last night the Rev. G. J. Williams was in charge, the topic being "Our Own Land." The meetings begin at five o'clock and last just one hour.

Those who are interested in the "mosquito and malaria" question, and judging by recent discussions and letters they are not a few—will be glad to hear that we understand that the Government contemplates having a special bacteriologist sent here and that a laboratory is to be built. We do not know that the expert will confine his attention to the much vexed question whether malaria can be contracted by other means than by the bite of the anopheles.

Chief Callaghan, formerly a barmaid at Thomas's Grill Rooms, on Saturday at the Metropole Hotel made two attempts to take her own life. Early in the afternoon of that day she was frustrated by the hotel servants in an attempt to cut her throat with a razor. The weapon was taken from her and a watch set on the woman's movements. About six o'clock, however, she stole unobserved to the verandah of the hotel, and jumped to the ground—a distance of some twenty-five feet. Chief Detective Inspector Hanson and Inspectors McNab and Robertson witnessed the act, and examined the woman. Her fall had not broken by a pigeon coop, and the only injury was a slight one in the small of the back. The would-be suicide was removed to the Government Civil Hospital, thence, after being medically treated, to the asylum, she having been certified to be mentally deranged.

The *Times* Tokyo correspondent, speaking of the new Japanese Ministry, writes:—It may be called essentially a one-man Ministry, so far does the Premier tower above the heads of his colleagues. In that respect it reflects the image of the new party, which is emphatically a one-man association, having no recognized voice in the shaping of its platform, in the direction of its affairs, or even in the nomination of its committees. Marquis Ito frankly assumes and exercises autocratic power from first to last. Both Cabinet and party will have to submit to discipline and control such as Japanese political associations have not yet shown any disposition to appreciate. The Emperor evidently understands the situation, for he adopted the unprecedented course of conveying to the Ministers, on the occasion of their installation, an injunction to work in harmony. If they succeed in obeying, the Cabinet ought to achieve a fine record, for it will then be simply Marquis Ito's instrument.

The Rev. John Ross, well known for his missionary labours in Manchuria, and his anti-Roman controversies, writes in the December number of the *Contemporary Review* on "China's Foreign Policy." In the course of his remarks he makes some rather strong remarks on the conduct of the Roman Catholic missionaries in China—we fear that non-Roman missionaries are rather too apt to do this—and he concludes:—"To secure future peace the magistrature must have perfect freedom to judge and decide all litigation involving his own subjects, according to Chinese law, irrespective of creed and independent of the dictation or control of any external authority. In consequence of this past misconduct of foreigners the present state of the Chinese mind makes it imperative to secure some means to prevent the persecution of native Christians under the guise of ordinary legal prosecution. The native Christian suffers not because he is a Christian, but because he is connected with the foreigner. But in order to attain freedom from persecution it is not sufficient to permit any missionary to domineer over the native magistrature."

H. M. S. *Orlando* arrived yesterday morning from Woonung, as did the German battleship *Brandenburg*. The French gunboat *Vigore* arrived from Shanghai.

The transport *Buraide*, which arrived from New York recently with 400 miles of wire, will proceed south in a few days, says a Manila paper just to hand, where she will proceed to connect the different island points by cable. It is understood that she will proceed to Cebu and work on cable extension to Misamis, Mindanao, and from there overland to Zamboanga, from that point to Isabela, thence to Jolo, and from there to Bongao. This system will also include Iloilo and Negros, and a main cable will be laid to Manila, so that every important point in the south will be placed in close communication with Manila.

J. R. Mercer, marine engineer, surrendered to his bail before the Court of First Instance at Manila on the 29th ult., when the charge of embezzlement preferred against him at the instance of Messrs. Donaldson, Sim and Co. was proceeded with. It will be remembered that the prosecution alleged that Mercer, while negotiating the purchase of some ships at Bangkok, misappropriated the sum of \$28,000 given him as part payment of the purchase money. The defence raised was a total denial of the charge, and a preliminary objection was set up by Mr. John G. Hoesle, who appeared for Mercer, that if an offence had been committed it was committed in Bangkok, and the Courts at Manila had no jurisdiction to deal with it. The Judge sustained the objection, and dismissed the charge, the decision being sent to the Supreme Court for consultation, under the old Spanish system of procedure.

There will be shortly many thousands of Martini rifles available in India, as the rearmament of the Native Army is proceeded with, and though the majority of these are old and worn out, some at least are serviceable, remarks the *Pioneer*. If there were rifle clubs in every large town, these weapons might be served out free of cost to Europeans desirous of practising on the range; but this kind of movement has never caught on in this country, so the arms will either be stored in the arsenals or broken up. The only requisition that has been made for Martini has come from the Colony of Victoria where rifle clubs apparently flourish; and the Government of India, the *Pioneer* goes on to say, will be only too glad to comply with this request forwarded through the home authorities. Other Australian colonies may follow suit, and thus our surplus stock may be disposed of without difficulty. A man who becomes a good shot with the Martini can very quickly learn how to use the .303 rifle, and he is pleasantly surprised at the improvement in his shooting when firing with the small-bore. It would be better, of course, to have a universal pattern rifle for all countries in the Empire, but at present the demand for Lee-Enfields far exceeds the supply.

An incident which occurred on the first night of the new House of Commons, 6th December, created considerable comment. It is thus described by a home contemporary:—"There are usually only two speeches of any moment on the first night of a session. And in this respect the night followed venerable tradition, until Mr. Ellis brought stormy subjects back to the House by alluding to the correspondence of his which Mr. Chamberlain had published. Mr. Chamberlain, in his reply, was carried away by his feelings, and there was a scene of some violence. It arose in this way: Mr. Chamberlain, after he had been several times interrupted, came to the phrase, 'Nor you will have the truth.' 'For the first time,' cried a Liberal member. 'He's a cad,' muttered Mr. Chamberlain in a half whisper, and he was proceeding with the rest of his speech. But the words were too loudly spoken not to have been caught, and Mr. Dalziel was at once on his legs demanding the intervention of the Speaker, called for their withdrawal, and Mr. Chamberlain, having first explained the provocation, withdrew the phrase. And then he was allowed to proceed with his speech; and when he sat down the night was over and the House adjourned."

The new charting of the Philippine Islands, of which we recently spoke, comes now too soon. Scarcely a week passes but what a disaster of some sort or another to the shipping in those parts has to be chronicled. The last to happen, or at least reported to have happened, is that of the U. S. A. transport *Indiana*, which went ashore last month off Binangonan. Captain Mool, who was in command of her, was well aware, says a Manila paper, of the dangers along the coast, and also knew that the charts were not to be relied upon. The course had been laid to pass to the south of the Island of Jomalig, but it has since been proved that this island is about eleven miles north-east of the position laid down on the chart. The ship was proceeding very slowly with one of the ship's boats out ahead, sounding for hidden reefs. The leadman had just made a sounding, and pulling in the line to make another throw when the *Indiana*, a little behind, ran upon a submerged reef. It proved to be a veritable wall, for there was 17 fathoms of water on the edge. As soon as it became evident that the ship was fast aground and that she was in danger of being stranded, the work of lightening ship commenced. About 1,700 sacks of oats were thrown overboard to ease the weight forward. Then all hands were put to work trimming cargo. Everything was carried aft to raise her bows, but she remained ashore for eleven days before she slid off the reef, when fortunately it was found she had sustained little injury. The *Indiana* arrived in Manila on Christmas Eve, and will undergo a complete overhaul.

Lieutenant Hobson, who has been laid up with fever at Washington, and who has been at times in a critical position, is improving daily, states a private wire received in Hongkong during the New Year.

Much excitement was created in Hawaii toward the end of last year by the landing at Honolulu of a man who said he was a leper and that the medical authorities at San Francisco had encouraged him to go to Hawaii. The Hawaiians displayed no little indignation over the affair. The local *Gazette* says:—Hawaii serves notice on San Francisco that the exports of lepers may as well cease. This country is not going to become a handy lazaretto for the Coast and will take no lepers unless compelled to by Act of Congress.

It was stated some time back that the contributions towards the endowment of a gold medal in connection with the Royal Asiatic Society, had been so liberal that the society would be able to present the medal every three years to some distinguished Orientalist. Since then over £500 in addition has been received, and the society will now be able either to present the medal every year, as in the case of other learned and scientific societies, or, if it seem more desirable, to bestow a life membership on every triennial recipient of the gold medal.

Considerable dissatisfaction is being shown among the Manila merchants as to the time now granted to them to get their goods out of storage at the Custom House. A strong deputation visited upon General Smith last Friday week when the subject was fully discussed, and it was finally agreed that it would do no good to extend the time of storage allowed, as it would result in the same condition of affairs as obtained before the institution of the rule. With regard to the question of tariffs, General Smith said that in the event of such a decision as is expected from the Supreme Court, not only would American imports be affected, but also Spanish imports, as by the terms of the Paris treaty, all Spanish imports for a term of years were to come into the Philippines "on the same terms as those from the United States."

FATAL SHOOTING ACCIDENT.

EUROPEAN SHOTS HIS BOY DEAD.

One of these accidents terminating fatally that often attend shooting parties, even when the utmost care is taken to prevent such contingencies, is reported from the New Territory. On Sunday morning Mr. C. E. Klink, assistant superintendent in the Rope Works at Kennedytown, and a party of three friends, were out pigeon-shooting in the New Territory. Mr. Klink being accompanied by his "boy," a Chinese lad of about sixteen years of age. The party made its way to Samchun in Chinese territory, where Mr. Klink, who carried a double-barrelled gun, fired one charge from the right barrel at a pigeon, wounding it. The bird dropped amongst some bushes, and the boy was sent to look for it. He was gone some time, and becoming impatient, Mr. Klink went to help in the search. He saw the boy, whose back was turned, and was making his way towards him, when, by some means not yet explained, the left barrel exploded, although Mr. Klink states, the hammer was not cocked. The unfortunate boy was only a few feet away, and received the full charge of buckshot in his back, some of it going through the spine. He expired in ten minutes. The body was removed to the Samchun customs station, and brought over to Hongkong yesterday morning, whence it was sent to the public mortuary.

PRESENTATION TO MR. H. COOKE.

On Saturday evening Mr. B. Cooke, assistant manager of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., was waited upon in the Reading Room at Kowloon Docks by the members of the European staff, and presented with his life-size portrait as a souvenir of the New Year 1901. On making the presentation Mr. Rutter referred to the long and friendly association of Mr. Cooke with the staff and to the many kindnesses they had experienced at his hands. He regretted that Mr. Cooke's state of health had prevented him being present at the annual reunion, but felt convinced that he was with them in spirit. He had much pleasure in handing him the life-like portrait, wishing him on behalf of all present good health and happiness in the coming year. He asked the staff to drink to the long life and prosperity of Mr. and Mrs. Cooke.

Mr. Cooke, who was deeply touched, thanked Mr. Rutter and all present for the kind manner in which his health and that of Mrs. Cooke had been responded to, and in accepting the picture said it would be much treasured by himself and handed down to his son after him as another token of the kindly spirit which he has always found exhibited towards him by the Dock Co.'s employees, with whom he was proud to identify himself.

The proceedings were brought to a close with three hearty cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Cooke—Contributed.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P.M. steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 14th ult., via Honolulu, has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port this morning via Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai.

The T. K. K. steamer *America Maru*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 29th ultimo.

The Imperial German Mailsteamer *Hamburg*, carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 10th ult., left Singapore on Sunday, 6th inst., at 2 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Friday, a.m., the 11th inst.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Prinzess Irene* left Shanghai on Sunday, 6th inst., a.m., and may be expected here to-morrow, at noon.

The P. M. steamer *City of Peking*, with mails, &c., which left here December 4th for San Francisco via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu, arrived at her destination on the 1st inst.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.]

SHANGHAI, 7th January, 731 p.m.

THE SHANHAIKWAN LINE.

The Russians transfer the Shanhaikwan railway to Mr. Kinder on the 14th instant. The workshops are entirely stripped of machinery, plant, stores, and material.

LONDON, 6th January, 1.5 p.m.

CHINA'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE NOTE—IMPERIAL SEAL REQUIRED.

The Ministers of the Powers require the Imperial Seal to be affixed to the acceptance of the Joint Note.

GENERAL NEWS.

LONDON, 6th January, 1.5 p.m.

COTTON PROSPECTS.

Manchester trade prospects are regarded as brighter. The probability of a cotton famine is disbelieved. Present prices will probably be fairly well maintained.

OBITUARY.

The Grand Duke of Saxe-Weimar is dead.

THE CHARGE AGAINST MR. H. F. CARMICHAEL.

DEFENDANT DISCHARGED.

The hearing of the charges against Mr. H. F. Carmichael, of the firm of Carmichael and Company, Ltd., was concluded before Mr. F. A. Hazland at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon. Mr. Pollock asked permission to add to each of the six counts, after the word "did," the words "on the 16th day of October, at Victoria, in this colony."

No objection was offered by Mr. Slade, and the counts were amended accordingly. Mr. Pollock then recalled Mr. W. Hutton Potts, who turned up in the minute book of Carmichael and Co. the data on which a fresh story was issued in the name of John Harper. Witness made the minute of the meeting, which he, of course, attended. The date of that meeting was in April, 1895.

Mr. G. W. K. Playfair, chief manager of the National Bank of China, was next called, and gave evidence as to business dealings between the defendant and the bank.

Mr. Pollock then intimated that the case for the prosecution was complete. If Mr. Slade did not propose to call any witnesses, he would proceed to sum up.

Mr. Slade: I don't wish to call any witnesses. Mr. Pollock, in summing up, said it would be better, perhaps, if he went into one or two points of law by way of preliminary, in order to show the legal aspect of the case as it presented itself to the prosecution. His Worship would have noted, no doubt, in the first and third counts contained in the charge—

Mr. Slade at this point interrupted to ask that Mr. Wilson and Mr. Potts be allowed to return to their business, which request his Worship granted.

Mr. Pollock, continuing, said:—In the first place the defendant was charged with making a false entry. Now, it was perfectly clear from the evidence that the defendant with his own hand did not make that entry. The entry was made as he would submit upon the evidence, from the procurement by the defendant, Mr. Carmichael of Mr. Potts, the secretary of the company, he being clearly an innocent agent in the matter, and in any point concerning the procurement of an innocent agent for any unlawful purpose the person who so procured was considered in point of law as a principal. The general principle was laid down in the fourth edition of *Stevens's Digest of Criminal Law*. It would be perhaps advisable, however, continued Mr. Pollock, to quote one or two cases, and this he proceeded to do. As to the charge of forgery, the duty devolving upon his Worship was to decide whether there was sufficient evidence to go to a jury upon which they might convict the defendant of the crime with which he stood charged. It was not for the magistrate to ask himself whether he would or would not, as a jury, convict, supposing he were in the position of a jury. The magistrate had merely to ask himself the question whether or not there was *prima facie* case—some evidence by which the jury might find that a crime had actually been committed.

With regard to the fifth count his Worship would no doubt have noted that under that count a conviction might be brought against the defendant by a jury upon various sets of facts. A jury might look at the case from three points of view, and yet might convict the defendant under the count. First, they might ask—did the defendant forge that document with his own hand; secondly, they might ask themselves whether the defendant, supposing they thought there was not sufficient evidence of the defendant having forged the document for his own hand, got some other person to forge the document for him; or again it would be open to the jury to find that the defendant was accessory to the forging of the document; because his Worship would have noted that under the provisions of the Statute of 1861, a person might be convicted before the fact of a forgery being tried and convicted and punished in all respects as though he were the principal of the forgery. Of course his Worship would have gathered that their contention in this case was that Mr. Carmichael, the defendant in this case, had actually procured under one or other of these three aspects. He would submit to his Worship that it was absolutely impossible to suppose that the facts which had been before the Court, that Mr. Carmichael had procured either him or the instrument with the words "John Harper" on the instrument of transfer, or that he did not write those words with his own hand that he was not perfectly well aware that whoever wrote those words was committing

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

MR. F. C. LAING AND W. S. ROBERTS have this day been admitted as Partners in our Firm, the Partnership now being Mr. N. M. MACLEOD, Mr. W. S. ROBERTS, Mr. F. C. LAING and W. S. ROBERTS.

MACLEOD & CO.
Manila, 1st January, 1901. [165]

WANTED—From March 1st or later, TWO GOOD OFFICE-ROOMS with Comptroller's Office attached. Apply—

F. C. LAING & CO.
Hongkong, 8th January, 1901. [163]

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 9, Des Vaux Road, Victoria, on WEDNESDAY, the 16th January, 1901, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1900, and for the purpose of electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 12th to 16th January, 1901, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, 8th January, 1901. [164]

THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY SHARE CERTIFICATE No. 356 for TWENTY-FIVE ORDINARY SHARES numbered 15,358 to 15,382, standing in the Register in the name of ESMAILBOY CHANDOOBOY, of Shanghai, China, having been declared LOST. Notice is hereby given that unless the said Certificate be produced at the Office of the Company, Nos. 12 and 14, Des Vaux Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 31st day of January, 1901, a new Certificate for the said Shares will be issued and the old Certificate will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

THE PUNJON MINING CO., LD., W. H. GASKELL, Secretary.
Hongkong, 8th January, 1901. [166]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY, the 10th January, 1901, at Noon, at his Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A QUANTITY OF

MANILA CIGARS, of the well-known "COMPANIA GENERAL" Brand, comprising:—

200 Boxes "PRINCESAS," each 50.

200 "MEDIA REGALIA," each 50.

200 "FAVORITOS DE A. LOPEZ," each 25.

200 "IMPERIALES," each 25.

All in First Class condition.

TERMS:—As Customary.

GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 8th January, 1901. [169]

COMPAGNIE DE NAVIGATION TONKINOISE.

FOR QUANG TRUONG WAN, HOIHOW, PAKHOI AND HAIPHONG (Taking Cargo at through Rates for Hanoi, NAI-DINH, DAI-CAU, VINH, XEN-BAY, LAO-KAY and other Provinces of Tonkin.)

THE Steamship "HUE," Captain Godinau, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 9th instant, at 10 A.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First-class Cabins and Saloon are situated above the main deck amidships and special attention has been paid to ventilation, which renders the Saloon delightfully cool in Summer.

The Saloon and Cabins are lighted throughout by Electricity.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

A. R. MARTY, 2, Pedler's Street.
Hongkong, 8th January, 1901. [167]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA. The Company's Steamship

"YUENSANG," Captain Rolfe, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 11th inst., at 4 P.M.

This steamer has superior accommodation for First Class Passengers, is fitted throughout with Electric Light, and carries a Doctor.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, 8th January, 1901. [168]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIOGO AND YOKOHAMA. The Imperial German Mail Steamship

"HAMBURG," OF THE HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE, Captain Kroch, has here with the outward German Mail about the 11th inst., will leave for the above places about 24 hours after arrival.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 8th January, 1901. [18]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"MEMNON" are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Godown Co. in both cases it will be at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on or after the 8th instant.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival. Goods undelivered after the 12th instant will be subject to rent. All damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 15th inst.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1901. [1628]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE EAST ASIATIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MARSEILLES, HAVRE AND COPENHAGEN VIA BANGKOK. The Company's Steamship

"NORMANNIA" will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 12th inst.

For Freight, apply to

MELCHERS & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1901. [161]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE. (Calling at Port Darwin and Queensland Ports, and taking through Cargo to Adelaide, New Zealand, Tasmania, &c.)

THE Steamship "GUTHRIE," Captain McArthur, will be despatched for the above ports on THURSDAY, the 31st instant, at 4 P.M.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from Australia are available for return by the steamer of the China Navigation Company and vice versa.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1901. [162]

ENTERTAINMENTS.

THEATRE ROYAL.

TO-NIGHT (TUESDAY), 8th January, 1901.

A

GRAND GLOVE CONTEST

OF

TWENTY ROUNDS

OF

TWO MINUTES EACH, under

MARQUIS OF QUEENSBERRY RULES.

will take place between

JOE RILEY, OF U.S.A.

AND

ROGER MUSTOE, of

H.M.S. "BARFLEUR," HEAVY-WEIGHT CHAMPION

of the

ARMY AND NAVY, for the

CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE FAR EAST and a

PURSE OF \$500.

Under the Distinguished Patronage of H.E. Major-General GASCORNE, C.M.G., Commanding the Troops in China, Rear-Admiral A. T. BROWN, R.N., Commodore POWELL, C.B., R.N., and Officers of the Navy and Garrison.

Under the Management of Mr. J. H. DOWNS.

There will also be Four Preliminary Rounds of Four Rounds each, for details of which see Hand Bills.

By kind Permission of the Officers of H.M.S. "Barfleur," the Band of that ship will be in attendance.

Doors Open at 9 P.M.

THEATRE ROYAL CITY HALL, TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), JANUARY 9th, 1901.

LESSONS AND PROPRIETORS: Mrs. N. Chester, Messrs. A. H. & E. J. Pollard.

The first great event in the Colony of THE 20th CENTURY.

POLLARD'S LILLIPUTIAN OPERA CO.

OF 50 PERFORMERS, IN

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"THE GEISHA," With Full Scenic, Musical and Limelight Effects.

FOR 2 NIGHTS ONLY.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND MONDAY, 11th, 12th and 14th January.

For the First time in the Colony. The enormously successful American production.

"THE BELLE OF NEW YORK," In Two Acts of Six Scenes.

FOR 3 NIGHTS ONLY.

1st MATINEE, SATURDAY, 12th January.

"THE BELLE OF NEW YORK," At 3 P.M.

To which Children and Amateurs will be admitted Half-Price.

Plan at Robinson's. Prices as Usual. The Star Ferry Co. has kindly consented to delay the last ferry to 12.15. Arrangements have been made with the Peak Tramway Co. to run a special train a quarter of an hour after the performance.

A. LEVEY, Business Manager.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1901. [3253]

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have been favoured with instructions to Sell by Public Auction, TO-DAY (TUESDAY),

the 8th January, at 11 A.M., at the Camp, New Parade Ground,

750 BAGS GRAIN,

1,500 EMPTY BAGS,

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers to the Government.
Hongkong, 4th January, 1901. [159]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY),

the 9th January, at 11 A.M., at WING KEN & Co.'s Godown, East Point,

201 TIN WATER TUBS, 30 VENTILATORS, 11 IRON BARS, 2 HORSE STABLES, 2 WOODEN WATER TANKS and 497 Bales HAY.

TERMS:—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1901. [119]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,

THURSDAY, the 10th January, 1901, Commencing at 3.30 P.M.

A FINE COLLECTION OF PHILIPPINE POSTAGE STAMPS.

On View from Monday. Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS:—As Customary.

GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1901. [156]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MESSRS. HUGHES & HOUGH have received instructions from the Owner to sell by Public Auction in One Lot, on

FRIDAY, the 25th day of January, 1901, at 3 O'CLOCK P.M., at their Sales Rooms,

ALL THAT PIECE OR PARCEL OF GROUND situated, lying and being at Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, and Registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 1,096, together with the Messuage or Tenement, Erections and Buildings thereon known as "Haldon," Bonham Road, held from the Crown for a term of 999 years from the 25th day of December, 1890.

Total area 65,815 square feet; Crown Rent \$200 per Annum.

For further particulars and conditions of Sale, apply to

MESSRS. JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, Solicitors for the Vendor, or to the

AUCTIONEERS.

BAILEY & MURPHY. Consulting Engineers and Surveyors,
60 & 62, Des Vaux Road.
Telephone No. 197. Telegrams: "Contract."
W. S. BAILEY, M.I. MECH. E.
E. O. MURPHY, W.I. AC. AM.I. MECH. E.
Hongkong, 4th January, 1901. [132]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE WANCHAI WAREHOUSE AND STORAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the General Managers, No. 5, Queen's Road Central, on MONDAY, the 14th January, 1901, at 3 O'CLOCK in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a statement of accounts to the 31st December, 1900.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 7th to 14th January, 1901, both days inclusive.

MEYER & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, 31st December, 1900. 3301

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWELFTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on THURSDAY, the 24th January, 1901, at 11.30 O'CLOCK A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED on THURSDAY, the 24th January, 1901, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

A. SHELTON ROOPER, Secretary to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LTD.
General Agents for THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 5th January, 1901. [147]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on THURSDAY, the 24th January, 1901, at 12 O'CLOCK Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED on THURSDAY, the 24th January, 1901, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

A. SHELTON ROOPER, Secretary.

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A. SHELTON ROOPER, Secretary.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on THURSDAY, the 24th January, 1901, at 12 O'CLOCK Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED on THURSDAY, the 24th January, 1901, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

A. SHELTON ROOPER, Secretary.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICES OF FIRMS

NOTICE.

MR. MOHAMMADALLY M. CUM-ROODIN JANNATY will leave this Colony shortly, and the Business will be carried on by Mr. DAWOODBOY, ARBOOLALLY, who is authorized to Sign our Firm in Hongkong and China from this date.

ARBOOLALLY EBRATHIM & CO., Hongkong, 1st January, 1901. [104]

NOTICE.

THE Authority hitherto held by Mr. HANS WILHELM HERMANN, HEMER to Sign per PROSECUTION the name of our Firm at Hongkong, Shanghai, and Hankow, expires on this date.

MEYER & CO., Hongkong, 31st December, 1900. [129]

NOTICE.

WE have Authorized Mr. G. E. HUYGEN to Sign our Firm per PROSECUTION.

WENDT & CO., Hongkong, 1st January, 1901. [105]

NOTICE.

THE Business of BURNIE and GODDARD, Marine Surveyors, will in future be carried on under the name of "GODDARD and DOUGLAS."

MR. JAMES TORRY DOUGLAS has been admitted a PARTNER from this date.

J. D. GODDARD, Hongkong, 1st January, 1901. [107]

NOTICE.

WE have this day admitted Mr. HERMANN HEMER and Mr. FELIX LORRIA as PARTNERS in our Firm.

GROSSMANN & CO., Hongkong, 1st January, 1901. [122]

NOTICE.

OUR Senior, Mr. H. CAESAR ERDMANN, retired from our Firm on the 31st December, 1900, but will remain a dormant Partner until further notice.

MR. MARTIN EDUARD FERDINAND MARCH, Mr. ADOLF CARL SCHOMPURG, Mr. WILHELM WIEDERHOLD, Mr. EDUARD MORITZ HANS SCHUBART, have to-day been admitted Partners.

CARLOWITZ & CO., Hongkong, Hamburg & China, 1st January, 1901. [108]

AN ASSISTANT ENGINEER Required for H. M. Dredger "St. ENOCH" at Wei Hai Wei. Rate of pay—Ten Shillings per day, inclusive. Seven days per week, and to include all overtime. No provisions found. Apply to—

CHIEF ENGINEER, Naval Yard.
Hongkong, 4th January, 1901. [131]

THE TANJONG PAGAR DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED, SINGAPORE.

WANTED—An ASSISTANT MANAGER, Salary \$750 per month, with free Unfurnished House. Applications and Copies of Testimonials to be sent to the undersigned. Appointment to be taken up as soon as possible.

THOS. SCOTT, Chairman.
Hongkong, 4th January, 1901. [131]

WANTED—A CIVIL ENGINEER one who has had experience in building Wharves and Docks preferred. Applications and Testimonials to be sent to—

THOS. SCOTT, Chairman.
Hongkong, 4th January, 1901. [131]

BOOKKEEPER.

WANTED—A GOOD CHINESE BOOKKEEPER. Must have experience and be quick worker.

Apply—

ROBINSON PIANO CO., LTD., Hongkong, 31st December, 1900. [3297]

WANTED.

FOR the Office of the HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED, an ENGLISH CLERK, Unmarried, Age 25 to 30. Thorough knowledge of BOOKKEEPING indispensable. Applications, in writing only, to be addressed to—

THE SECRETARY, Hongkong, 1st January, 1901. [112]

WANTED.

TWO GENTLEMEN or MARRIED COUPLE for Double Bedroom, with Private Family. Desirable Locality in Kowloon. Also GENTLEMAN for Single Room.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	TAIWAN	On 8th Jan., P.M.
CEBU AND ILOILO	KAIFONG	On 9th Jan.
NAGASAKI, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	BENBUEN	On 9th Jan., at 4 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS (VIA MANILA), PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE	TAIYUAN	On 10th Jan., 1901.

For Freight or Passage, apply to—

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1901.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON	"DARDANUS"	Steves 9th Jan., at Noon.
LONDON	"RHIPHEUS"	Day 22nd Jan., 1901.
LIVERPOOL (Taking Cargo at London Rates)	"ACHILLES"	Brown About 18th Jan., 1901.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS O. S. S. Co.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1901.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

THE Company's Steamship

"TARTAR," Captain G. D. BOWLES, R.N.R., will leave Hongkong on FRIDAY, the 11th January, 1901, at DAYLIGHT.

For VICTORIA AND VANCOUVER, B.C. (VIA INLAND SEA, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA).

Making close connection at Vancouver with the Canadian Pacific Railway for all points in Eastern Canada, the United States and Europe.

For Freight or Passage, apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1901.

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA (EUROPE AND AUSTRALIAN UNITED COMPANIES).

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND BOMBAY.

Having connection with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LIGORNI and GENOA, also VENEZIA and TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALLAO.

Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD, also BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and MALAGA.

THE Steamship

"DISAGNO," Captain Macagnini, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 12th inst., at Noon.

At Bombay the steamer is discharging in Victoria Dock.

For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to CARLOWITZ & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1901.

THE OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"TAMUJI MARU," Captain K. Hasegawa, will be despatched for the above ports on SUNDAY, the 13th inst., at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA, Agents.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1901.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHUSAN," Captain C. D. Bennett, R.N.R., carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for Bombay on SATURDAY, the 10th January, at Noon, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports.

Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay with transhipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further particulars, apply to A. M. MARSHALL, Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1901.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOTS—POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMB, PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, DUEBOUTI, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX.

ALSO PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVERPLATE.

A date to be fixed later on the Company's Steamship "MANCHE," Captain Dupont, with Mails, Passengers, Specie and Cargo, will leave this port for MARSEILLES via ports of call, WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon. Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M. Specie and Parcels until 3 P.M. on the (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office). Contents and Value of Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1901.

OREGON AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG TO PORTLAND (OR.) AND SAN FRANCISCO VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

TAKING CARGO TO JAPAN PORTS, THE UNITED STATES, AND CANADA.

THE Steamship

"ADATO," 2145. Captain J. McIntyre, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 15th January, 1901, for PORTLAND (OR.) VIA KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States and Canada.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be accepted at the Office of the Undersigned until the same time. All Parcels should be marked to address in full.

Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany cargo destined to points beyond Portland (Or.), should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, Portland (Or.).

For further information as to Freight rates, &c., apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBBERG & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1900.

U.S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yama and Honolulu) TUESDAY, Jan. 22, 1901, at Noon.

CITY OF Peking (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yama and Honolulu) THURSDAY, Feb. 14, 1901, at Noon.

CHINA (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yama and Honolulu) TUESDAY, Mar. 12, 1901, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship "CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU on TUESDAY, the 22nd January, 1901, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1900.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's New Steamship

"DIAMANTE," Captain A. Ramsey, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 11th January, at 5 P.M. The attention of Passengers is directed to the excellent accommodation provided by this Steamer. She is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

A doctor is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1901.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES.

MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

CORTIC (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) TUESDAY, Jan. 29, 1901, at Noon.

GARRO (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) SATURDAY, Feb. 23, 1901, at Noon.

DORIC (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) TUESDAY, Mar. 19, 1901, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship "CORTIC" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, AND HONOLULU on TUESDAY, the 29th January, 1901, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passenger Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1901.

FOR NEW YORK VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.

With Liberty to Call at MANILA.

THE Steamship

"POLAR ST. JERNEN" will be despatched for the above port about the end of January, 1901.

For Freight, apply to DODWELL & CO., LD., Agents.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1901.

MITSU BISHI DOCKYARD AND ENGINE WORKS, NAGASAKI.

CODE WORD, "DOCK" NAGASAKI. A.I., A.B.C. Signals and Engineering Codes Used.

DOCK No. 1 (at TATEGAMI).

Extreme Length... 223 feet.

Length on Blocks... 113 "

Width of Entrance on Top... 89 "

Width of Entrance on Bottom... 77 "

Water on Blocks at Spring Tide... 24 1/2 "

DOCK No. 2 (at MUKAJIMA).

Extreme Length... 371 feet.

Length on Blocks... 350 "

Width of Entrance on Top... 66 "

Width of Entrance on Bottom... 53 "

Water on Blocks at Spring Tide... 22 "

PATENT SLIP (at KOSUGUE).

Can take vessels up to 1,000 tons gross.

THE WORKS are well equipped with the LATEST IMPROVEMENTS and can execute any kind of work in SHIPBUILDING and MARINE ENGINEERING as well as in REPAIRING OF SHIPS.

The Company has a POWERFUL SALVAGE PLANT READY AT SHORT NOTICE.

BOMBAY-BURMAH TRADING CORPORATION LIMITED. BANGKOK AND RANGOON.

TEAK SQUARES, PLANKS, BOARDS AND SCANTLINGS, PLANED, TONGUED, AND GROOVED. BOARDS FOR FLOORING, CEILING, WALLING, &c. TEAK SHINGLES FOR ROOFING. PINKADO RAILWAY SLEEPERS for all GAUGES.

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Estimates given for all kinds of Electrical work.

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Note Address:—No. 2, ICE HOUSE ROAD, Hongkong, 18th January, 1898.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

FIFTY-TWO SHORT COMPLETE STORIES FOR 1901.

THERE are now appearing weekly in the HONGKONG DAILY PRESS a Series of SHORT STORIES written by the leading Novelists.

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THE LADY MIDDLETON.

From JANUARY to MARCH, 1901, the following will appear:—

MOLLEY ROBERTS, "The Peace of Ephraim."

CHRISTABEL COLERIDGE, "The Lady Dressmaker."

R. W. CHAMBERS, "The Market Hunter."

HELEN MATHESON, "At the Sign of the One Pound-Note."

HOWARD PEASE, "A Cargo of Talpa."

E. EVERETT-GREEN, "Sir Oliver's Hobby."

REV. S. BARKING-GOULD, "A Dartmoor Idyll."

LUCY HADBY, "Supposed to have Founded at Sea."

JOHN FOSTER FRASER, "The Transformation of Theresa."

THE QUEEN OF ROMANIA, "Duchess's Daughter."

H. J. ASHCROFT, "My Sailor Boy."

FRED WISHAW, "The Tontine of the Loyal Upholster."

BLANCHE WILKS CHANDLER, "A Personal Introduction."

R. W. CHAMBERS is the powerful novelist whose "The Red Republic" created much interest; HELEN MATHESON is a most brilliant lady story writer; MOLLEY ROBERTS possesses an enthusiastic constituency. The QUEEN OF ROMANIA is represented by a most pleasing story; FRED WISHAW's clever novels have been proscribed by the Russian Government; the REV. S. BARKING-GOULD is an ever welcome old favourite; HOWARD PEASE is known as "The Northern Kipling"; H. J. ASHCROFT is a now novelist of exceptional promise; and JOHN FOSTER FRASER contributes one of his strong stories.

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COLD STORAGE.

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED is now prepared to receive perishable provisions for Cold Storage at EAST POINT at Moderate Rates.

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Hongkong, 17th February, 1899.

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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.		
FOR	PER	DAY AND HOUR.
Hongkong and Bangkok	Pharung	Tuesday, 8th, 8.00 A.M.
Hongkong, Singapore and Bangkok	Loong	Tuesday, 8th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Loong	Tuesday, 8th, 3.00 P.M.
Singapore, Amoy and Ningpo	Amoy	Tuesday, 8th, 5.00 P.M.
Europe, &c. India via Taticoria.	Princess Irene	Wednesday, 9th, 10.00 A.M.
(Late Letters 11.10 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents)		(Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Lightning	Wednesday, 9th, 2.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Emma Layton	Wednesday, 9th, 3.00 P.M.
Cebu and Manila	Loong	Wednesday, 9th, 3.00 P.M.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Beverly	Wednesday, 9th, 3.00 P.M.
Chefoo	Babelberg	Wednesday, 9th, 4.00 P.M.
Nanhai, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne	Taiwan	Thursday, 10th, 3.00 P.M.
Manila	Diamond	Friday, 11th, 4.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Bombay	Bismarck	Saturday, 12th, 11.00 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA and VANCOUVER, B.C.	Empress of China	Wednesday, 18th, 10.00 A.M.
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.)		(Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)
Europe, &c. India via Taticoria.	Chuan	Saturday, 19th, 10.00 A.M.
(Late Letters 11.10 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.)		(Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.)		

TO-DAY.

Sale, Grain, New Parade Ground, Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 11 a.m.
Glove Centre, City Hall.
Salo, Sundries, East Point, Messrs. Hughes and Hough, 11 a.m.
Performance by the Pollard Opera Co., City Hall, 9 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

MONDAY, 7th January.

ON LONDON—	Telegraphic Transfer	2.01
Bank Bills, on demand	2.01	
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	2.01	
Bank Bills, at 4 months sight	2.12	
Credits, at 4 months sight	2.12	
Documentary Bills, 4 months sight	2.12	
ON PARIS—	Bank Bills, on demand	2.59
Credits, at 4 months sight	2.65	
ON GERMANY—	On demand	2.11
ON NEW YORK—	Bank Bills, on demand	50
Credits, 90 days sight	51	
ON BOMBAY—	Telegraphic Transfer	153
Bank, on demand	154	
ON CALCUTTA—	Telegraphic Transfer	153
Bank, on demand	154	
ON SHANGHAI—	Bank, at sight	72
Private, 30 days sight	73	
ON YOKOHAMA—	On demand	14 p.c. dis.
ON MANILA—	On demand	1 p.c. dis.
ON SINGAPORE—	On demand	1 p.c. pm.
ON BATAVIA—	On demand	12
ON HAIPOH—	On demand	24 p.c. pm.
ON SAIGON—	On demand	14 p.c. pm.
ON BANGKOK—	On demand	60
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	9.60	
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	50	
SILVER, per oz.	20	

OPIUM.

Quotations are—	Allow'ce net to 1 catty.
Malwa New	\$800 to \$810 per picul.
Malwa Old	\$820 to \$830
Malwa Older	\$840 to "
P. P. per-wrapped	\$850 to "
Foreign fine quality	\$870 to \$920
Patna New	\$885 to " per chest.
Patna Old	" to "
Bombay New	\$895 to "
Bombay Old	" to "

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE GERMAN MAIL.
The Imperial German Mail steamer *Princess Irene* left Shanghai on Sunday, 6th inst., a.m., and may be expected here to-day.
The Imperial German Mail steamer *Hamburg*, carrying the German mails, with dates from Berlin of the 16th ult., left Singapore on Sunday, 4th inst., at 2 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Friday, a.m., the 11th inst.
THE INDIAN MAIL.
The Indo-China steamer *Kamsang*, from Calcutta and Penang, left Singapore for this port on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at 6 p.m.
THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The P. M. steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 14th ult., via Honolulu, has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port this morning via Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai.
The O. & O. steamer *Coptic*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 22nd ult.
The T. K. K. steamer *America* Maru, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 29th ult.
THE 62 ADRIAN MAIL.
The J. P. K. steamer *Empress of India* left Vancouver a.m. on Tuesday, 1st Jan., for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.
MERCHANT STEAMERS.
The N. G. I. steamer *Biango* left Singapore for this port on Tuesday, the 1st inst., and may be expected here on or about the 8th inst.
The H. A. L. steamer *Silesia*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 3rd inst., and may be expected here on or about the 9th inst.
The N. Y. K. steamer *Hikari Maru* (European Line) left Kobe via Moji for this port on the 9th inst.
The O. M. steamer *Myone*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, passed the Canal outward on 28th ult., and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 17th inst.

STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.
OUTWARD—6th Nov.—*Narval*, *Riverdale*, 9th Nov.—*Ision*, 19th Nov.—*Malacca*, 20th Nov.—*Odessa*, 16th Nov.—*Yushun*, 20th Nov.—*Melbourne*, 27th Nov.—*Salazie*, 30th Nov.—*Azara*, 7th Dec.—*Arctica*, 4th Dec.—*Banca*, 5th Dec.—*Sardinia*, 20th Dec.—*Konigsberg*, *Arctica*, Charter.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

HONGKONG, 7th January.

STOCKS	NO. OF SHARES	ISSUE	PAID UP	LAST DIVIDEND	CLOSING QUOTATIONS
BANKS.					
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	80,000	\$125	\$125	30c. div. at 1/11/10—18.05 per share for 1st half year 1900	\$60 p. a. pr.—\$392, London 261.
Bank of China & Japan, Ltd.	199,875	28	28	2 1/2 for 1899	\$27, buyers
National Bank of China, Ltd.	19,875 B	210	210	2 1/2 for 1899	\$27, buyers
Do. Founders' Shares	750 (400)	21	21	None	\$30.
MARINE INSURANCES.					
Union Ins. Society, Ltd.	10,000	\$250	\$250	40 p. ct.—\$20 for 1899	\$245.
China Traders Ins. Co., Ltd.	24,000	\$83.33	\$83.33	10p. ct. for 1899	\$51, sales & buyers
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	5,000	\$100	\$100	10p. ct. for 1899	\$71, 172, sellers
Yangtze Ins. Assn., Ltd.	8,000	\$100	\$100	10p. ct. for 1899	\$110, sellers
Canton Ins. Office, Ltd.	10,000	\$250	\$250	10p. ct. for 1899	\$145, buyers
Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$100	\$100	10p. ct. for 1899	\$1.
FIRE INSURANCES.					
Hongkong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$250	\$250	\$27 for 1899	\$295, sellers
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$100	\$100	\$27 for 1899	\$31, buyers
SHIPPING.					
Hopkong, Canton and Amoy S. S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$1.20 for half year ended 30/6/100	\$32, sales
Indo-China S. S. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$20	\$20	20 p. ct. for 1899	\$70, buyers
China & Manila S. S. Co., Ltd.	14,000	\$50	\$50	20 p. ct. for 1899	\$30, buyers
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$50	\$50	12 p. ct. for year ending 30/6/100	\$47, sellers
China Mutual S. S. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$10	\$10	12 p. ct. for year ending 30/6/100	\$212, buyers
Do. Ordinary	20,000	\$10	\$10	12 p. ct. for year ending 30/6/100	\$212, buyers
Star Ferry Co., Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$1.05—12 p. ct. for year ended 30/4/100	\$43, sales
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,000,000	21	21	10 p. ct. for 1899	\$23 1/2, sales
REFINERIES.					
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$100	10p. ct. for 1899	\$117.
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	7,000	\$100	\$100	\$3 for 1897	\$39, buyers
MINING.					
Panjo Mining Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$1	\$1	None	\$425, buyers
Do. Preference	30,000	\$1	\$1	None	\$1, sales & buyers
Societe Fran. des Charbonnages du Tonkin	10,000	Fr.250	Fr.250	None	\$350, sellers
Queensland Mining and Refining Co., Ltd.	400,000	25 cts.	25 cts.	5 p. ct. half year end. 30/6/100 (coupon 5)	7 cts., sellers
Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	45,000	\$5	\$5	1st div. 5/11/100	\$6, sales
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Limited	200,000	21	10/10	1st div. 5/11/100	\$27, sellers
Oliver's Freehold Mines, Limited	15,000	\$5	\$5	None	\$2.
Great Eastern and Cal. Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	140,000	\$4	\$4	First year	6 cts.
Do. Preference	70,000	\$1	\$1	First year	30 cts.
DOCKS, WHARVES, &c.					
Hongkong Dock Co., Ltd.	12,500	\$125	\$125	30p. ct. 12p. ct. bonus for 1st year ended 30/6/100	\$57 1/2, p.c. pr.—\$50.33
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Limited	30,000	\$50	\$50	10 p. ct. for 1899	\$90.
Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$50	\$50	10 p. ct. for 1899	\$90.
Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Co., Ltd.	2,600	\$100	\$100	10 p. ct. for 1899	\$90.
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	\$50	22 p. ct. for 1899	\$221, buyers
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.					
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	\$100	10p. ct. for 1899	\$199.
Kowloon Land & B. Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	\$50	10p. ct. for 1899	\$23, buyers
West Point Building Company, Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	10p. ct. for 1899	\$50, buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	\$50	10p. ct. for 1899	\$124, sellers
Oriente Hotel Co., Limited	7,000	\$50	\$50	10p. ct. for 1899	\$321.
Humphreys Est. & Fin. Co.	100,000	\$10	\$10	4 p. ct. for 1899	\$117.5, sellers
CORROD MILLS.					
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	17,500	Fr.100	Fr.100	3 1/2 p. ct. for period ending 31/12/97	Fr. 50
International Cotton Co., Ltd.	10,000	Fr.100	Fr.100	3 1/2 p. ct. for period ending 31/12/97	Fr. 50
Leau-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Fr.100	Fr.100	3 1/2 p. ct. for period ending 31/12/97	Fr. 50
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	2,000	Fr.100	Fr.100	3 1/2 p. ct. for period ending 31/12/97	Fr. 50
Yahlong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	7,500	Fr.100	Fr.100	3 1/2 p. ct. for period ending 31/12/97	Fr. 50
Wen & Dye Co., Ltd.	12,000	\$100	\$100	None	\$20.
MISCELLANEOUS.					
Green Island Cement Co.	50,000	\$10	\$10	10p. ct. for 1899	\$193.
China Borneo Co., Ltd.	7,500	\$20	\$20	10p. ct. for 1899	\$33.
A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	\$10	10p. ct. for 1899	\$153, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$10	\$10	10p. ct. for 1899	\$114, buyers
Hongkong and China Gas Company, Limited	7,000	\$10	\$10	10p. ct. for 1899	\$119, buyers
Hongkong Telephone Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$50	\$50	10p. ct. for 1899	\$170, sellers
Gas & Electric Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$25	\$25	10p. ct. for 1899	\$35, sales & buyers
Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.	5,000	\$25	\$25	10p. ct. for 1899	\$176, sellers
Hongkong High Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	1,250	\$100	\$100	10p. ct. for 1899	\$190, buyers
Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$71	\$71	10p. ct. for 1899	\$7.
Carmichael & Co., Ltd.	2,000	\$25	\$25	10p. ct. for 1899	\$5.
H. & China Bakery Co., Ltd.	600	\$50	\$50	10p. ct. for 1899	\$50, buyers
Campbell, Moore & Co., Ltd.	1,200	\$10	\$10	10p. ct. for 1899	\$20.
H. & China Bakery Co., Ltd.	1,000	\$21	\$21	10p. ct. for 1899	\$11.
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	100,000	\$10	\$10	10p. ct. for 1899	\$3, sellers
Tebrun Planting Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$5	\$5	10p. ct. for 1899	\$20.
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$20	\$20	10p. ct. for 1899	\$4, sellers
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	10p. ct. for 1899	\$10, sales
Universal Trading Co.	50,000	\$20	\$20	10p. ct. for 1899	\$124, sales & buyers
China Guaranty Co., Ltd.	200	\$500	\$500	25p. ct. for 1899	\$1,603, buyers
La Commercial, Limited	250	\$500	\$500	25p. ct. for 1899	\$1,000
Hansonia, Limited	750	\$100	\$100	25p. ct. for 1899	\$105
La Favorita, Limited	130	\$500	\$500	25p. ct. for 1899	\$105

THE WEATHER.

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STATION.	Hour.	Lat. to sec.	Long. to sec.	Bar. level.	Therm. time.	Humidity	Wind. force.	Wind. dir.	Weather.
Vladivostok	2 p.								
Tokyo	"	20.78					NW	6	—
Kobe	"	20.76					NW	4	—
Nagasaki	"	20.91					NW	8	—
Kanagawa	"	20.91					NW	6	—
Tsukuba	1 p.	30.14					E	4	—
Tsukuba	"	30.04					NE	2	—
Tsukuba	"	30.03					N	0	—
Koshima	"	30.01							—
Yokohama	"								—
Gutzlaff	3 p.	30.23	38	72		NW	4	ev	—
Sharp Peak	"	30.11	55	77	E	2	4	od	—
Amoy	"	30.03	59	98		NE	4	od	—
Swatow	"								—
Amoy	"	30.02	58	94	N	1	1	r	—
Viet Nam	4 p.	20.93	04	89	E	1	1	o	—
Gap Peak	"	20.97					N	3	—
Amoy	"	30.01	03			NW	2	e	—
Amoy	1 p.								—
Amoy	4 p.	20.84	58	65	SW	1	10	b	—
Amoy	3 p.						N	3	—
Amoy	"						NE	4	b
Amoy	"	20.92	86				N	3	b
Cebu	"	20.81	54				NE	4	b
U. S. James	"						NE	4	b
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Vladivostok	7 a.								—
Tokyo	10 a.								—
Kobe	"								—
Nagasaki	"								—
Kanagawa	"								—
Tsukuba	5 a.	30.13					N	0	—
Tsukuba	"	30.05					N	4	—
Tsukuba	"	30.04						0	—
Koshima	"	30.05					NE	6	—
Yokohama	"								—
Gutzlaff	"	30.31	42	66		NE	3	ev	—
Sharp Peak	9 a.	30.21	54	80		NE	3	o	—
Amoy	"	30.13	56	87		N	3	o	—
Swatow	"								—
Amoy	"	30.14	56	94		NE	3	o	—
Amoy	10 a.	30.01	04	80		NE	3	o	—
Amoy	"	30.03	63			NE	4	o	—
Amoy	"	30.03				NW	1	o	—
Amoy	7 a.								—
Amoy	10 a.	20.96	52	70	S	1	10	b	+
Amoy	9 a.						N	3	—
Amoy	"					NNE	2	b	—
Amoy	"	20.94	79			N	3	b	—
Cebu	"	20.95	84			NE	2	b	—
U. S. James	7 a.					NE	4	g	—